



A collection of recent history, current events and future affairs for Mark Master Masons of the Province of South Wales.

## Barry Mark Lodge No.1043

Photography by : **Anthony Howell**  
The Provincial Grand Master attended the Barry Mark Lodge Meeting on 6th February and witnessed a double Advancement Ceremony, which was conducted in a very dignified manner by The Worshipful Master W.Bro. D.J. Goodall and his Officers.

R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, in the picture top right congratulated Bro Philip Coughtrey and Bro Keith Wade on their

Advancement into Mark Masonry and wished them a long and happy association with the Order.

Two other very special events took place at the meeting firstly, pictured bottom left shows, W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas P.GJD. the Lodge Treasurer, being congratulated and presented with his 40 years



W.Bro. Alan was also presented with an enamelled Token bearing the Seal of Mark Grand Lodge, which was appropriate, as one of his hobbies is collecting tokens from all over the world.

Another surprise was in store when the Provincial Grand Master thanked him on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund for the contributions he had made over the years, which now qualified him for a Grand Patron Gold Award Collarette and Jewel, pictured centre, W.Bro. Alan is the first recipient of this award within the Province.



Certificate, by the Provincial Grand Master, who thanked him for the loyal and devoted service he has given and continues to give to Mark Masonry.

## Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge No.585

The Provincial Grand Master made a surprise visit to Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge on 14th February, much to the delight of all and was accompanied by V.W.Bro. S W Jeffrey Clarke the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The purpose of the visit was to present a 40 year Certificate to W.Bro. Anthony W Wynne who was completely shocked

by the presentation of the certificate and Grand Mark Lodge Token, the Provincial Grand Master thanked him for his contribution to the Order and his tireless efforts when organising the Boxing Tournament Dinners in aid of the 2004 Festival.

During the earlier part of the meeting the Provincial Grand Master witnessed the Advancement into the Order of Bro. Keith Bann after which he congratulated Bro. Keith and welcomed him into the family of Mark Masons.

It is with regret that we have no photographs of this meeting.

## Ken Crabbe - 40 yrs in Royal Ark Mariners

On 26 January 1972, Bro. W. K. Crabbe was elevated into the Abertawe Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No.179. On 25 January 2012, W.Bro. W. K. Crabbe, RAMGR celebrated his 40th Anniversary with the Royal Ark Mariners. Unfortunately, W.Bro Ken couldn't make the RAM meeting so the presentation of a certificate and a medalion was made in the Talbot Mark Lodge. The presentation was made by W. Bro Frank Langford, who made an eloquent speech giving the highlights of W.Bro Ken's association with the Abertawe Lodge. W.Bro Ken responded with thanks for the presentation and for the approval of the Brethren for reaching this milestone.



Pictured from l to r: W.Bros Frank Langford, Ken Crabbe, Matthew Richards, Tony Strachan and Mel Davies.



## Honours Board Dedication

Words & Pictures By: Roger Gale

The Brethren of Neath Mark Lodge No. 1125 carried out a special ceremony in early February, to include a Dedication for a new "Honours Board" made for the Lodge by W.Bro David Newton. The new board was made necessary by the continued success of the Neath Mark Lodge and the plethora of Masters needing to be recorded since the Installation of W.Bro A.J.L Taylor in 1949. With well over sixty years of success the Lodge looks set for many more years as a keystone of Mark Masonry in this Province. Many eminent Masons have taken the Chair in the Lodge, with your writer honoured to follow in their footsteps as Master in 2002, and able to wear the



Past Masters Jewel of my Grandfather William H. Gale, Master in 1963. W.Bro Keith Fry joined the ranks as current Worshipful Master, also honoured to be at the head of the Lodge for this ceremony. The regular Officers and Brethren were delighted to welcome R.W.Bro Paul R. Clement, the Provincial Grand Master, along with the

Deputy Provincial Grand Master V.W.Bro Anthony F. Moore MBE, and the team of Provincial Officers, who added both expertise and colour to proceedings. In particular great thanks are due to W.Bro.Ryan A. Williams PAGDC, the ProvGDC writing the ceremonial dedication procedure in its entirety. He

Grand Organist during the evening, adding greatly to the occasion. Another unusual - and most welcome - element was the "calling off" of the Lodge to allow the Ladies to witness the

Board Dedication, and the attendance of the Ladies at the Festive Board that followed the ceremony of Dedication added yet more colour to a special evening, as did the election of a Master for the ensuing year, W.Bro Roger Weeks to take up that role in due course. Pictures : 1 Prov. Organist; 2 Dep Prov. Chaplain; 3 PGM with Lodge Officers; 4 PGM with Prov. Team.



## The New Provincial Mark Website

On 31st March and the 28th April at Bridgend Temple the new web site was introduced with a practical hands-on demonstration. The presentation was given by W.Bro. Tony Strachan the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary ably assisted by his team of helpers.

The New site is more user friendly than the former and contains much more news form within the Province and where possible photographs to accompany;

Details of the Executive.

Provincial Secretariat.

Up to the minute news from Grand Lodge.

Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

Details of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge meetings updated each month.

Map, showing position of Temple, full postal address

**And much much more.**

and telephone number (where available).

Lodge Installation dates together with the details

of the Executive party attending.

Provincial Forms for down loading.

Grand Lodge Forms for down loading.

Brethren who are willing to act as Area Reporters are asked to contact the Provincial Office, their roll would be to gather information from within their own area for inclusion on the web-site, their themselves would have access to import the news and other items of interest directly on to the site which would then be edited prior to going live. If you are interested please contact us.



# Mark My Words

## Provincial Grand Lodge Officers' Mess

Photography by : Anthony Howell

**T**he Mess held their Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Aberavon on Sunday 6th December last under the chairmanship of the Vice President of the Mess W.Bro. David Court the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, assisted by his wife Christine.

The new venue proved a great success with a record number of members together with wives and families present.

It goes without saying, however the success of the luncheon was due once again to the very hard work of V.W.Bro. Alan Rosser Thomas the Mess Secretary, together with Val and Andrea, we extend to them our grateful thanks together with



The pictures show : Top right - Some of the Diners at the Mess Lunch. Left - The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, and his wife Molly. Left centre - W.Bro. David Court, welcoming the guests. Right Centre - W.Bro. James R. Bevan, presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Christine Court. Right - W.Bro. James R. Bevan, Prov.GSW, with Daphne.

## The Provincial Annual Gala Dinner

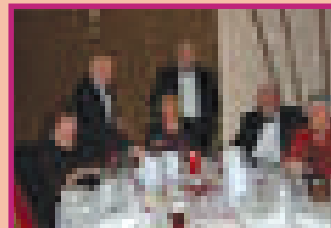
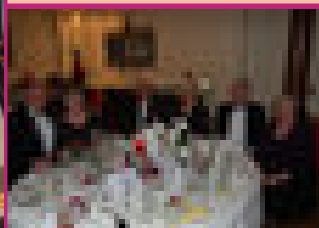
**T**he Annual Gala Dinner of the Province was held at the Misikin Manor Hotel on 25th January celebrating St. Dwynwen's Day the Welsh St Valentine this theme was carried through the evening with harp music during the meal beautifully provided by the Royal Harpist Hannah Stone followed

by the humour and singing of

Mandy Starr. We must acknowledge all the hard work undertaken by W.Bro. Edward Bolton and Mrs Fogarty to make this event an

outstanding success, the only disappointment was being unable to accommodate all those who applied for tickets. We promise we will try harder next year.

The following photographs capture the atmosphere of the evening.



Above : Left -Table with Menu. Right - Harpist. Below : left - Andrea Partington presenting a prize, Left centre - Table with guests. Right centre - Table with guests. Right - Group with Geoff Thomas.

## Forthcoming Event

## ANNUAL MESS DINNER DANCE

To be held at the Hi TIDE INN Porthcawl  
Friday 11th May 2012 Tickets £21.00 per head  
For further details contact the Provincial office